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FOR: METHOD OF PACKAGING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


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Sir:

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 7, 2003. The Applicant elects without traverse to pursue examination of Group I, claims 1-25, drawn to a method of preventing gaseous eruption from a liquid during vacuum packaging, classified in class 426, subclass 404. Within Group I, Applicant further elects without traverse to pursue examination of Species I, claims 1-6, 9, and 20-25, wherein the liquid is treated by evacuation. Please cancel non-elected claims 7, 8, 10-19, and 26 without prejudice.

Applicant now submits that the claims in the case are in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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